STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

MidAmerican Energy Company

:

Proposed general increase in gas rates. : 01-0696

SUSPENSION ORDER

By the Commission:

On October 19, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company filed its III. C. C. No. 2, 7th Revised Sheet No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 3.30, 4th Revised Sheet Nos. 4 and 5, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 5.10, 6th Revised Sheet No. 7, 5th Revised Sheet No. 7.10, 4th Revised Sheet Nos. 8, 15, 16.10, 16.20, and 16.30, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 16.60, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 16.70, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 16.75 and 16.80, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 16.85, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 16.90, 2nd Revised Sheet Nos. 16.95, 17, and 18, 1st Revised Sheet No. 18.10, and Original Sheet No. 20.40, hereinafter referred to as "Filed Rate Schedule Sheets" in which it proposes a general increase in gas rates, to be effective December 6, 2001.

It appears from an examination of said schedules that:

- the Commission should, without answer or other formal pleadings, enter upon a hearing concerning the propriety of the proposed general increase in gas rates;
- (2) pending the hearing and the decision thereon, the proposed general increase in gas rates should not go into effect;
- (3) the said proposed general increase in gas rates should be suspended for a period of 105 days beginning with December 6, 2001, to and including March 20, 2002;
- (4) MidAmerican Energy Company should be made a Respondent to this proceeding;
- (5) the Respondent should provide to the Commission, no later than seven business days after the date of this order, a complete list of all municipalities within which the Respondent provides service, that all such municipalities should be listed irrespective of whether the municipality is itself a customer, and irrespective of whether all or merely a fraction of the residents and other

entities within the municipality are customers of the Respondent; the purpose of this finding is to allow the Commission to fulfill the notice requirements of Section 10-108 of the Public Utilities Act; and

(6) a certified copy of this order should be forthwith served upon Jeff Schirm, 716 17th St., Moline, Illinois, 61265, and Robert P. Jared, Regulatory Law and Analysis, 106 E. Second St., P.O. Box 4350, Davenport, Iowa, 52808.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pending the hearing and the decision thereon, the proposed general increase in gas rates, stated in the said Filed Rate Schedule Sheets, filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on October 19, 2001, shall not go into effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-201 of the Public Utilities Act, the proposed general increase in gas rates, stated in the Filed Rate Schedule Sheets, filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on October 19, 2001, be, and the same is hereby suspended for a period of 105 days beginning with December 6, 2001, to and including March 20, 2002.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that MidAmerican Energy Company be, and it is hereby made a respondent to this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent should provide to the Chief Clerk of the Commission, no more than seven business days after the date of this order, a complete list of all municipalities within which the Respondent provides service. Include all such municipalities irrespective of whether the municipality is itself a customer, and irrespective of whether all or merely a fraction of the residents and other entities within the municipality are customers of the Respondent. The purpose of this ordering paragraph is to allow the Commission to fulfill the notice requirements of Section 10-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this order be forthwith served upon Jeff Schirm, 716 17th St., Moline, Illinois, 61265, and Robert P. Jared, Regulatory Law and Analysis, 106 E. Second St., P.O. Box 4350, Davenport, Iowa, 52808.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order is not final and is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By order of the Commission this 7^{th} day of November, 2001.

(SIGNED) RICHARD L. MATHIAS Chairman (SEAL)